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SUBJ: CIVAIR: SPECIAL FUEL TREATMENT FOR BWIA

REF: A?) PORT OF SPAIN 1668; B) PORT OF SPAIN 004

1. CONCERNING REF A, DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS AIR JAMAICA TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIER DESPITE ITS LACK OF MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION. AIR JAMAICA'S OPERATIONS ARE COVERED UNDER US-JAMAICA AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 2, 1969.

2. GOTT AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE PRESENTED NOTE TO DEPT DEC 20 WHICH ASKED FOR FAVORED TREATMENT FOR BWIA IN USA. AMB MCINTYRE ASSURED US GOTT HAD NOT PLACED ANY RESTRICTIONS ON US LINES OPERATING TO TRINIDAD (ON FUEL AT LEAST) AND DID NOT INTEND TO. HE FURTHER STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED UNFETTERED OPERATION OF BWIA ON ITS FINANCIAL VIABILITY, CARIBBEAN TOURISM, AND TRINIDADIAN EMPLOYMENT.

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3. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION IT WAS AGREED THAT IF GOTT WISHED TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING BWIA'S BONDED FUEL NEEDS IN THE UNITED STATES, DEPT WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTIONS. WE STRESSED NEED FOR AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS WITH TEXACO MEANS FOR TRANSPORTING, STORING AND UTILIZING BONDED JET FUEL GOTT MIGHT WISH TO EXPORT TO USA FOR BWIA'S USE.
4. IN EXCHANGE FOR BWIA RECEIVING FULL FUEL NEEDS GOTT AMBASSADOR STATED US CARRIERS FLYING TO AND THROUGH CARIBBEAN WOULD BE WELCOME TO "FILL UP" AT PIARCO. NEED-LESS TO SAY, SUCH A PROPOSAL COULD PROVE MOST ATTRACTIVE TO US SCHEDULED AND SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS SERVING CENTRAL AMERICA, THE CARIBBEAN REGION AND SOUTH AMERICA.
5. FYI: IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND ABOVE "DEAL" REPRESENTS NO CONCESSION AT ALL BY USG. STRICTLY SPEAKING BONDED FUEL IS NOT UNDER MANDATORY ALLOCATION PROGRAM-- ONLY SHORTFALLS FROM NORMAL SUPPLIER CONTRACTS DURING JANUARY ARE BEING BROUGHT UP TO 85 PERCENT OF 1972 BASE CONSUMPTION THROUGH USE OF MILITARY FUEL. IN FEBRUARY, FEO REGULATIONS CONTEMPLATE ALLOWING INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS TO USE DOMESTIC FUEL TO BRIDGE GAP BETWEEN SUPPLIES OF BONDED FUEL AND 95 PERCENT OF CARRIER'S 1972 FUEL USE. SHOULD A CARRIER BE ABLE TO PURCHASE 100 PERCENT OR MORE OF ITS NEEDS OF BONDED FUEL, THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON ITS DOING SO. END FYI
6. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOTT THAT USG IS AGREEABLE TO BWIA BEING PROVIDED DESIRED LEVEL OF BONDED FUEL IN USA BY GOTT--BY WHATEVER MEANS IT MAY NEGOTIATE WITH A SUPPLIER--IN EXCHANGE FOR UNRESTRICTED REFUELING RIGHTS AT PIARCO FOR US CARRIERS. KISSINGER

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